# THE DEAD AND LIVING KINGS

# Gossip and Anecdotes of Interest About Edward VII been blessed by the birth of two children and George V.

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impressed by it.

The writer happened to be in Paris at was always an acceptable guest, and Lady Thornton. was always an acceptable guest, and Lady Floring.
when the Berliners would denounce the Gen. Grant was President, Hamilton and the devotion of the Princess to her English, as is their wont, they would Fish, Secretary of State, and the visiting make an exception in favor of the King, prince was entertained every moment he husband and the conscientiousness with yet his sister, the Empress Frederick, was was in town. The most elaborate and which she performs her public duties juser possesed in such an eminent degree.

eral days of President Buchanan, speak the portrait which he sent to the President as a souvenir of his visit confirms this, for the face wears a bright, earnest expression and is full of vigor and

This portrait is a part of the Harriet Lane Johnston bequest to the National Gallery and now hangs with the rest of the collection in the new building of the National Museum. In it the prince wears the handsome red coat of a British officer, and the impression the painting gives is that of a dashing and brilliant

Ever alert was King Edward to the end, alert and vigilant even when the hand of death was upon him and he was sinking into unconsciousness, but in middle age his eyes grew heavy-lidded and his expression gave little evidence of the activity of his brain.

The letter conveying the portrait read

Believe me that the cordial welcome which was you as their chief, can never be effaced from my I venture to ask you at the same time to remem-ber me to Miss Lane, and believe me, dear Mr.

ber me to Miss Land, Buchanan, yours very truly, ALBERT EDWARD. That the memory of his visit was never effaced from his mind, Albert Edward noble and gentle bearing of the prince gave abundant evidence. No one could disarmed criticis be more gracious to Americans than he was, no man of his time better underable to his visit to this country in 1800.

sador, but in the case of Miss Lane, day. in the hall the students rose en masse to visiting here was abandoned. receive her, and she was the toast of the King George V is, however, no stranger

approachableness, the King was a great and bearing. stickler for etiquette and never forgave a

at the English court that he was unpre- being very gentle and agreeable." pared for the slight put upon him in As evidence of what his future course

made a statement, or related a circum- becomes King, he is all at once an enstance, that Mr. Clemens ventured to tirely different person, as witness the comment upon and correct without re- case of the late King. As Prince of he is famous, and the courtiers on either that ever reigned. Had Queen Victoria side of him, taking their cue from their abdicated in his favor at the time when Unclasps the soul to joy again; ing the remainder of the dinner, and he duties of the crown fell upon him, he saw nothing more of court life during would have left a more brilliant record

visited Berlin, the whole atmosphere was changed. He had gone there direct from London, where the most unusual honors had been paid him both in court and others.

er circles. King Edward had heaped a royal princess, who would one day be-The definitive that should be applied honors upon him, and the foreign as to King Edward is "gracious," for gra- well as the American press devoted clousness was his most marked charac- much space to describing his reception. teristic, and "Edward, the Gracious," The German Emperor did not, of course, would adequately describe him. An Eng- propose to be outdone by his uncle of son for the abolishment of the fiction lish authoress of note, who passed last England, and so planned to entertain the regarding royalty, the idea of the divine week at the capital, had many interest- American humorist on a grand scale; but ing stories to tell of the dead King, which | Mark Twain, remembering his former exillustrated this quality, and no one ever perience, would have none of it, and so came in touch with him without being arranged his itinerary that he could not accept the royal invitations.

### Brother Also a Visitor.

a time when the King, then Prince of Ten years after the visit of the Prince Wales, was visiting that capital in- of Wales to this country his brother, biggest robbers. cognito. He was extremely democratic Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught, in going about, for his incognito was at present commander of the Mediterstrictly respected, and one heard on all ranean forces, made a pilgrimage to sides encomiums on the royal visitor America, whither he came to take part cumstances that attended their marriage, which was a matter for surprise, for the in the Fenian raid in Canada, which the separation of George from his wife, French do not love Johnnie Buil any service brought him the war medal with and the death of his brother, who was more than do the Germans, yet in Ber- clasp. When in Washington, the prince his consort's flance, the Prince and Prinlin as well as in Paris, King Edward was the guest of the British Minister and cess of Wales have been happier in their

lacking those qualities which her broth- Sir Edward Thornton in his bonor at in her favorite niece, and the love and the English Legation, which was at that tenderness she felt for her. Bright, Open-faced Lad.

Those who remember King Edward when, as Lord Renfrew, he visited the Turted States of the visited visi when, as Lord Renfrew, he visited the ner of Seventeenth and I streets, which I communication with Asia. Consider this United States and was the guest for sev-property has recently been acquired by Queen shut up there in the Fortress of follows: of him as a bright, open-eyed lad, ever Lady Thornton wore a blue moire an- ing Philip of Konigsmarck, and came on the alert lest he miss something, and tique and looked particularly handsome, with his German mistresses and his Ger-

he turned-the fine distinction of ruddy yet to be written.

ilm, the writer confessed that he had may "come out" well. "an itching to say something that would make you laugh about him," but the

### Impressedl with the Visit.

Like his elder brother, Prince Arthur stood the American character or Ameri- was deeply impressed by his visit to can institutions, and the cordiality and America, and his experience here made Edward's hosts at Biarritz, has had a first laid down, but that the absurdity ends, thousands of prospectors, lumber- examine the hundreds of letters daily When the American fleet made its cele- fairy tale that the unknown lad of the that boundary was agreed to between the Friendship Long Existed.

The friendship between Harriet Lane Johnston and King Edward antedated his visit to this country, and began at the time her uncle, James Buchanan, was American Minister at the Court of St.

James and she was the fair young chet.

When the American fleet made its cele-fairy tale that the unknown lad of the brated trip around the world, the Duke of Connaught, then at his Malta residence, to counselor of the King of England and the German Emperor.

It is rumored that the unknown lad of the British and Russian governments, in 1825, it was simply intended to define the Spheres of operation of two fur companies. The Russian company dealt only with the natives along the coast of the present Panhandle, and its relations and complaints are always disagreeable and country and began at the fair young chest. James and she was the fair young chat- picturesque Princess Patricia, who has ground of the government of England, were with Siberia; the Hudson Bay Comelaine of his legation. The rigid laws had so many royal offers and will have says the Gentlewoman. He has been the pany dealt with the natives of the ingoverning diplomatic etiquette allows to none of them, and is still heartwhole and builder of his own fortune. Money was terior, and its relations were with Euno unmarried woman the position accord- fancy and free and not engaged, although grown under his hands, and banks and rope through Hudson Bay.

Queen Victoria, who was captivated with The present King of Great Britain has his career was a Boer war incident. The fect good judgment. Had some one pointthe little American's loveliness and charm, never visited the United States unless bemade an exception and gave her the ing at Niagara Falls and running into big sum at short notice. It was ob- condition which might be embarrassing same rank and other prerogatives she Buffalo for a few hours can be called tained by Sir Ernest in three hours. to future generations they might very would have enjoyed as the wife of a visiting it, much to the disappointment of Luck seems not to attend him on the properly have replied: 'Our business is to minister; thus the red-cheeked, fun-lov- the many friends he has in this country turf, although he once won the Two solve the problem which confronts us ing romp of a few years before, the girl and the tuft hunters, who will endure Thousand. who had led the nuns at the Visitation any hardship or travel any distance to Convent in Georgetown a merry chase because of her mischief and pranks, became one of the leading women in the came over for the Champlain celebration which occupy part of the ground floor, piece of paper as an unalterable law of diplomatic corps of the greatest court he would pass a few weeks in the United nor of the marvelous range of kitchens. nature.' It is for us, their successors, to in the world. On the day when Tenny. States, and elaborate arrangements were There are six of these, with marble floors show the same good judgment in dealing son received the degree of doctor of civil made for his reception and entertain- and walls, and they include pastry with the problem as it now exists. law at Oxford, Mr. Buchanan was also ment, but an election was then in prog- kitchens, grilling, roasting, and boiling honored, and when his niece, who attend- ress in this country, and for that and kitchens, a vegetable kitchen and a room ed the ceremony, made her appearance other reasons of state the idea of his for fruit and flowers.

to Americans, and his cordiality toward On Lord Renfrew's arrival in America, those who have come in touch with him therefore, he was already on terms of does not bear out the popular idea that I hear its music, note for note, friendship with the President and his he has a prejudice against his cousins on Across the garden's fragrance float; niece, and the few days he passed as their this side the water. The King and Queen, Along it comes like a fairy bell, guest at the White House cemented this as Prince and Princess of Wales, were And brings to me the child-heart spell. friendship, which endured until Mrs. present at the opening of the Australian Johnston's death, and was kept up by Parliament. They took an active part in In cadence sweet it comes as though correspondence and by visits, for Mrs. the celebrations that preceded and fol- It were the wind's voice, soft and low, Johnston never visited Europe-and for lowed it, and were entertained on the Then like the song of a little brook many years she made an annual pilgrim- United States steamship Brooklyn, which Where flowers drink from a tangled nook. age there-that she was not entertained represented the United States on that ocby the King. This loyalty to his old casion. Wherever they went the present In the lute-like notes the morning sings, friends was one of King Edward's most ruler of England and his consort made And the opening up of little wings delightful traits, and no one ever lost his an excellent impression, and the officers In the wind that sweeps across the plain Triendship who was worthy to keep it, on of the Brooklyn, which was at the time And the soft sigh of the dropping rain. who had the tact, the savoir faire, rather, under the command of Rear Admiral

# Makes Good Impression.

breach of it, as witness Langtry's fall | Said one of the officers of Admiral Dick- Oh! it's youth in the heart, youth in the from favor when she attempted undue ens' staff: "I have never met pleasanter | breeze; familiarity with her friend and protector or less pretentious people. They were God sends it to us as He sends it to trees. at the supper which became celebrated both simple and cordial in manner and the world over because of this incident. evidently appreciative of everything that The child-heart spell! We can't tell why; was done for them. The Austrians were King Edward was much interested in delighted with their future King, and We want to laugh and play and sing, American literature, and never failed to there was no talk of throwing off the And say "God bless you." to everything. do honor to the men of letters from this English yoke and establishing a republic side of the water who visited England. after the visit of the royal pair." There The child-heart spell in the busy street, He greatly admired James Russell Lowell, was surely no evidence of the moroseness who was our minister at the court of St. and taciturnity of which the prince is James for a number of years, and de- accused during his visit to Australia. On For all who care to pause and hear. lighted in Mark Twain. Mr. Clemens, in- the contrary, he was suave, courteous, deed, was treated with such distinction urbane, and the Princess struck one as

Berlin. It happened at a royal dinner. and future bearing will be, all the gossip Mark Twain was seated near the Em- now written concerning King George is peror, but below some court dignitaries, hardly worth the paper it is printed on, The child-heart spell our souls unseal, who occupied places on either side of the for the position of a Prince of Wales is And the truest sense of love reveal; the most difficult and exacting one in the During the dinner one of his neighbors world, and when the holder of this title And Peace to glorify our dreams. ceiving permission or invitation from his Wales he was regarded as a very dullmajesty, whereupon there was a pretty witted person, yet he became the wisest "how d'ye do." His imperial highness and most tactful ruler of his day, and frowned that Jovelike frown for which was one of the most popular monarchs master, ignored the American guest dur- nearly all of the responsibilities and

had been paid him both in court and oth- married and the two children she had May 8, 1910.

borne him. It seems hardly credible that such a wicked thing could have been accomplished, yet there is incontrovertible evidence that King George was married to the daughter of Admiral Tryon, that ne was happy in his marriage, which had and that he was separated from his dear ones on the death of his brother, the Duke of Clarence, that he might marry Mother City of Canada Wants come Queen of Great Britain.

That so wise and good a woman as Queen Victoria not only sanctioned, but ordered this separation, is a potent rea-Tryon would probably have made as acceptable a queen as the daughter of the Duke of Teck, even though the founders of the former's family were not as suc cessful robbers and freebooters as those of the latter, for, after all, the royal lines of Europe are traced directly back to the

### Happy Home Life.

In spite, however, of the tragic cir-

the Army and Navy Club. At this ball Ahlen, because of her love for the dashtique and looked particularly handsome, with his German mistresses and his German mistresses and his Geographic Absurdity, which appeared while her guest, Prince Arthur, was man followers to rule over the "Tight in The Washington Herald, and we feel the control of the control dressed in the uniform of the British Little Isle," to the "First Gentleman of dressed in the uniform of the British Rifles—"dark sack coat, double breasted, Europe," "Fum, the Fourth;" we know of many Canadian people in thanking a body of people possibly larger than the med and frogged along the lapels, tight, and came near carrying him into the large rendered to our country in published ark colored pantaloons, with a stripe and came near carrying him into the ing that article. We feel confident that dark colored pantaioons, with a stripe strapped over patent leather boots; a chemy's field at Dettingen, and placing the solution proposed by you would be New Jersey, and one-third of Pennsylva- agents, clerks and chiefs of bureaus. infantry cap in his hand; a little cartridge that so, on foot, he knew he would not box, like a tourist's glass, strapped across run away; we recall his pluck and brav- "Two conditions are suggested as likely his shoulder, and what shown and flashed ery then, and we cannot forget his fond- to facilitate the exchange: like a streak of daylight through him ness for Hanover and sauerkraut; we "1. That free trade shall continue for a was a large jeweled star, the insignia of the Garter." This latter, perhaps, the symbol of the highest nobility, in Christendom, was more observed than the clear skinned, rosy face of the young man, his brown hair, good teeth, and obedient and intelligent eye.

"I. That free tride shall continue for a number of remember the Farmer King, "Farmer remember the Farmer King, "Farmer

ing by being placed in such prominence. chapter of his reign are as yet set down, within ten years and lead to an immense succeeded by one of ill-feeling. Thus the brilliant "Gath" described so we cannot turn to the end of the book expansion of its trade with the United "As you rightly remark, the only reanim at the time in a newspaper let- and see how it "comes out," but may God States. er, yet when he started out to describe give him light and bless his reign that it

### A FRIEND OF KINGS.

Sir Ernest Cassell, Once a Poor Boy

# THE "CHILD-HEART SPELL,"

Written for The Washington Herald.

to keep it, for, despite his affability and Dickens, were charmed by their manner The child-heart spell, that comes with And starts the soul to remembering!

New hope, new cheer, in life's bright sky.

And in God's meadows green and sweet, Its music ready for the listening ear The childhood spell brings perfect trust,

No sorrow but what it can adjust; Something richer far than gold The child-heart spell the mind doth hold.

It bids sweet Faith unfold her wings The child-heart spell, a gladsome song, The courage to live and be brave and

Its human love and God's sweet grace, The shadows kissed from every face.

The child-heart spell breaks sorrow's It's the silver sound of a little bell: "Be glad," it rings, "all will be well."

# QUEBEC IN FAVOR OF TRADING STRIP

Alaska Panhandle.

WILLING TO MAKE EXCHANGE

bilities of Country Behind It.

bia and the Pacific. In the interest of international good feeling the writer urged that the district in question, which has long been a source of irritation between this country and Canada, be extween this country and Canada, be extured the country and Canada, be extured to the country and Canada, and hearty all Russopportunity of expressing an opinion upon this important question, I have the honor to be your most obedient servant.

"G. A. VANDRY.

"In natural advantages the Canadian the countries of the countries of the countries of the countries of the canadian never popular in her husband's kingdom, important affair was the ball given by tifles the confidence Queen Victoria had the confidence of changed for an equivalent strip of territory along the eastern boundary of the This means that eventually 200,000,000

"We have read with keen interest the satisfactory to our people.

areer full of romance, the romance of consists in maintaining it after the rea-

ed to the wife of a minister or ambasshe has passed her twenty-fourth birthone of the most dramatic moments in ing down that boundary acted with pernow, If the result of our work proves

"At a moderate estimate the country which depends on the 'Panhandle' for its outlets to the sea is about 450,000 square miles in extent, five times as large as Great Britain. Its climate is practically the same as that of Europe in the same latitude. If you study the isothermal lines in their course around the globe, as well as the lines marking the limits of various plants, you will find that in our favored western provinces these lines run as far north as in Europe. Now, take the map of Europe and see what lies north of latitude 54 degrees 40 minutes. You see it is a slice of Ireland, all Scotland, a slice of England, all Denmark, Norway and Sweden, a slice of Germany, all Finland, and the best part of Russia. Within that belt are found the folowing cities, with their populations: "Ireland-Londonderry, 40,000. Scotland

Glasgow, 860,000; Edinburgh, 351,000; Dundee, 169,000; Aberdeen, 178,000. England-Newcastle, 277,000, Denmark-Copenhagen, 514,000. Norway-Christiania, 228,-600; Bergen, 72,000. Sweden-Stockholm 337,000; Goteborg, 161,000; Malmo, 80,000. Germany - Konigsberg, 224,000, Russia-St. Petersburg, 1,678,000; Moscow, 1,359,000;

# Helsingfors, 117,000. owing countries:

Board of Trade Thanks Writer and ern ports of the 'Panhandle' are the nat- you thus strive to eliminate the causes of The Washington Herald for Ar- ural gateways of a much wider territory, irritation before their mischievous effects ticle of February 6-History of the Manitoba, which, with the country be-Panhandle Boundary-Vast Possi- hind the 'Panhandle,' make a total of would make the tacit alliance firmer than the map of Europe and see what coun- union among civilized nations which is The Washington Herald printed an article from the pen of Dr. Robert Stein on ticle from the pen of Dr. Robert Stein on France almost to the suburbs of Cuebec heard of trade—which recently tries correspond to these. North of the one of the noblest aspirations of the pres-

rate estimate, will eventually live be-

to the sea except through its ports.

Alaskan mainland. The suggestion has borne fruit in the form of a letter from the 'Panhandle' for their easiest route of the 'Panhandle' for their easiest the Quebec board of trade to Dr. Stein, communication with Asia. Consider this insult to American and Canadian common sense to suppose that a boundary article 'Alaska Panhandle - a Flagrant intended as a temporary makeshift to In The Washington Herald, and we feel ting into each other's way will forever go over the routes assigned to them. convinced that we express the sentiments hamper the natural flow of commerce of average of 25 miles, and extending from

His clothes clung almost as closely to Burney's pleasant chatter, and we know him as his skin, and, while he was one him, too, because we came into our part, from a commercial point of view when the sun shines, and the proper time to make hay is answered by the department of rural required to work five hours three times free delivery in a year. Many of those of the most plainly dressed persons con- independence during his reign, and so we should welcome the second of these to negotiate is when cordiality is at a received are merely addressed to the allerhouse and so we should welcome the second of these to negotiate is when cordiality is at a spicuous on the floor, this fact alone have cause to remember him; and we conditions. The suggested railway will maximum. Such is the case now between department. To save time of opening nade him somewhat eminent. There remember "Fum, the Fourth," because not really be needed for many years to the United States and Canada. Their re- and reading missives not properly diwas that, beside, which gave him beauty we fought again under him, or, at least, come, but in order to gain control of the lations could not possibly be more cor. rected is a part of the work of the mailand character beyond the star that threw during his regency, this time, the war of coast we should be glad to see that rail- dial. Wisdom, therefore, dictates that the ing section. It includes a private posthundred sheets of light every way 1812 but the story of the fifth George is e turned—the fine distinction of ruddy yet to be written.

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way built forthwith. That would innegotiations be begun now, for nobody yet to be written. youthfulness, made modest and interest- Only the first few lines of the first 'Panhandle' four fold, perhaps ten fold, may cause the epoch of cordiality to be pass.

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# METROPOLITAN TOWER.



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Riga, 282,000; Kazan, 144,000. Finland - both to the recipient and especially to "To get an area of 450,000 square miles favors. We are all the more delighted to n that belt you have to sum up the fol- find that the first step was taken on the other side of the boundary, by those who have it in their power to grant the favor. 4.878,000 We deem it especially fortunate that the 2,330,000 movement was started by so influential a 5.430,000 paper as The Washington Herald, occu 9,857,000 pying a position of special advantage at Huge Timepieces at New 25,199,000 the National Capital, and that this eminently practical proposition was brought "Twenty-five million people, at a modforward at the most opportune momenthind the 'Panhandle' and have no outlet neither too soon nor too late. Permit us to express once more our high appreci tion of the spirit of equity and fairness COMPARISON OF DIMENSIONS "But that is not all. For the trade with which led you to publish this proposition Asia, as you rightly point out, the south- and of the timely forethought with which some 1,250,000 square miles, or equal to ever and thus constitute one of the most one-third of Europe. Now look again at important steps in that movement toward

February 6 under the title "Alaska Pan- Paris, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, near- Quebec board of trade-which recently handle-a Flagrant Geographic Absurd- ly all Germany, the richest part of Bo- celebrated its centennial, and is, thereity." The Panhandle is the strip inter- hemia and Galicia, all Norway and fore, the oldest organization of its kind vening between northern British Colum- Sweden, all Finland, and nearly all Rus- in Canada, if not in America-the first

"R. F. D."

### Three Billion Letters a Year Now Bear Those Initials.

The rural free delivery service of the United States means the distribution of Metropolitan tower clocks here, as being nearly 3,000,000,000 letters and parcels annually along the highways and byways be that as it may, the facts are that of every State and Territory from Maine "Big Ben" is outclassed by both of the to Alaska. A force of 41,000 carriers daily above-named American rivals, says the

Bringing the mail to the farmer now costs the nation \$36,000,000 a year in buttoned to the throat, and well trimmed and frogged along the lapels, tight, got down from the horse that ran away
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amining new routes, mantalning post-South America. Imagine, as you say, amining new routes, mantaining postwour New England States, New York, offices, payments of inspectors, special

nia cut off from the sea by a strip of! To secure information to make changes Canadian territory 535 miles long, vary- in routes and carriers where deemed are fourteen feet long and weigh aping in width from 8 to 40 miles, with an necessary to establish new routes and to record and tabulate statistics and "You are right, then, in saying that the as for the public a force of only 110 per- hands are 3 feet in length, and the pen-

Every one of the half million and more letters sent from this department is tongue of "Big Ben" musically proclaims son why the existing condition has hith- copied for record by a mechanical system to the world's metropolis which saves the labor of a hundred copyhave to build a railway through Copper try was practically uninhabited. There ing clerks even where the hand copying it is telegraphed automatically to the River Valley to the Yukon and the boun- has been enough irritation already, but it press or the carbon method has been Greenwich Observatory, where its perdary in order to have all-rail connection was over inconveniences whose coming employed. A force of only seventeen with the most important part of your was merely foreseen. Now they are clerks is needed in this section, says the here. Back of the 'Panhandle' lie the Bookkeeper, yet in addition to handling Benjamin Hall, first commissi "You are aware, of course, that the Atlin and Cassiar gold fields, and with and copying mail they keep a daily works at the time of its erection, and was Now Entertains Royalty.

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What the service does in receiving applications for new routes, petitions for carriers, decisions of the department, the payments and receipts, is told by the Published every post office newspaper. Published every day by the accounting section, it is a record of what every one in this postal counting house, including the Assistant Until the advent of the Colgate Com tabulated in type.

well for the organization.

# THE BEER REGISTER.

Days on the Seidel's Top. From the New York Sun.

but stopped to look at the pewter cover before tipping it back. The metal was covered with scratches,

initials, dates and devices. There were the driving power of this huge mechan Greek letter fraternity initials on it, ism is electricity, and none of the many names of colleges and some other things. devices connected therewith require any What most attracted the man's atten-manual operation, the entire installation tion was this: "A. B. C., March 10, '69," and then below it, "March 11-Here being automatic, again." Under that came, "June 12-Once more." There was still a fourth

used on the other days?" said the ob- clocks throughout the entire structure; server to his friend.

A Hard Game.

the dentist."

"Ah! Who came off best?" "Oh-er-it was a draw!"

# DWARF "BIG BEN"

York Largest Known.

Metropolitan and Colgate Clocks Make Time Fly on a Bigger Scale Than London's Giant Guardian of the House-Some Facts and Figures About These Clocks,

National pride in every British institution, both large and small, is probably ccountable for the erroneous claim in the pictorial supplement of the current issue of the London Sphere, to the effect that the famous "Big Ben" clock in Westminster tower is the titan of timepieces. According to the English publication, "Big Ben" is the largest striking, most powerful, and most accurate public clock in the world, the first blow on "Big Ben" at each hour denoting correct time. Perhaps the Britons base their boastful assertion on the qualifying adjective "public," and consequently exclude from comparison the Colgate and the possessions of private concerns. But, New York Sun.

The famous timepiece, by which every punctual Londoner sets his watch, has four dials, 23 feet in diameter, the centers of which are 180 feet above the ground. The numerals on the dials are proximately 200 pounds each; they are made of copper and travel a distance equal to 100 miles each year. The hour dulum is 13 feet long, with a bob weighing 400 pounds

### Wound by Hand,

The weights of the clock aggregate two and one-half tons. Two men are climbing 374 steps to reach the clock The bell, popularly anown as tolled, weighs thirteen and one-half tons pounds. A quartet of quarter bells total nearly eight tons. Twice daily, as the

formance is duly checked.

"Big Ben" was so named after Sir caused a shrill tone. But the crack was

# High Above the Street.

Postmaster General himself, is doing, pany's clock in Jersey City, and the Met-Every important item of statistics is ropolitan Life Insurance Company's cleck, "Big Ben" reigned supreme as the The esprit de corps of the rural free masterpiece of colossal clocks. The four fellvery is best shown by the last annual dials of the Metropolitan clock are twice report. During the year it states that out as high above the street, being 346 feet of the 41,000 in the service the total dis- up in the air. They are built up of rethe total number of deaths, glue and white mosaic tiles. Each dial The reasons for the dismissals were is 26 feet 6 inches in diameter, exceeding principally incompetence and failure to "Big Ben's face by three and one-half obey instructions. No dismissals what- feet. The figures on the dial are just ever for stealing from the mails or other twice the height of those on the famous dishonesty were on the records. Considering the different kinds of men remarks, being ten and one-half inches quired, this is indeed remarkable testi- square, are a trifle smaller, but the mony to their faithfulness and speaks hands, built on iron frames and sheathed with copper, weigh 1,000 pounds for the hour indicator and 700 pounds for the minute hand. The larger hand measures 17 feet from end to end and 12 feet from Man Who Scratched His Drinking the center to the point. The smaller hand measures II feet 4 inches over all and 8 feet 4 inches from center to point. He drew the seidel of beer toward him. They revolve on roller bearings, and, like the numerals and minute marks, are il-

luminated by incandescent lamps under heavy plate, wired glass.

### Controls Many Others. The master clock, which is located in

the director's room on the second floor "I wonder where are the seidels he of the building, controls about 100 other besides this, it controls several programme instruments for sounding various schedules of bells in the different departments. This clock is a high-grade "I've just been having a tussle with regulator and adjusted to run within five seconds per month. The chimes comprise four bells, the largest weighing 7.000 pounds (in the key of B flat); the second, 3,000 pounds (E flat); the third, 2,000 pounds (F natural), and the smallest, 1,500 pounds (key of G). They are located on the forty-sixth floor, mounted on uprights, and struck by clappers worked automatically from underneath At every quarter hour, through the

nedium of a transmitter, electrical in oulses are sent to the hammers on th orty-sixth floor, and simultaneously the ones of the "old, historic Cambridge chimes peal forth their message of empus fugit. Following the fourth, or last quarter, the hours are sounded on the 7,000 pound bell, with an impact of about 200 pounds. Looks Small in Comparison, The Colgate clock, which is the largest

in the world, makes "Big Ben" seem decidedly small by comparison. The dial of the Colgate clock is 38 feet in diameter. The minute hand measures 21 feet over all, with 18 feet 3 inches from the center to the point. The hour hand is 13 feet from the center to point and I feet in total length. The pendulum of the clock is 8 feet long, while the weights sum up 1,650 pounds. Electric lights mark the minute divisions on the dial, at 2 feet apart, and the numerals measure 51/2 feet high and 30 inches wide. The center of the dial is lower than that of "Big Ben," being only 140 feet above the ground, but owing to its peculiarly conspicuous location on the Jersey shore. facing lower Manhattan, its usefulness is not seriously handicapped by this fact.